to all the States/UTs on monthly basis for distribution under Public Distribution System. For the year 2001-2002, monthly allocation of 43408 MTs (55780 Kls) has been made for the State of Karnataka. Government of India has not received any request for increasing the quota of kerosene in place of sugar taken away from the PDS.

Visit of Chief of Air Staff to China

3372. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief of Air Staff paid a visit to China during the month of May, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the purpose; and

(c) the details of the achievements in bilateral military relations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Chief of Air Staff paid a goodwill visit to the Peoples Republic of China from 20th to 26th May, 2001, at the invitation of his Chinese counterpart.

(c) During the visit, the two sides exchanged views on bilateral military issues of mutual interest with a view to enhancing mutual understanding.

MIG crash during "Operation Poorna Vijay"

3373. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a MIG-21 crashed during the military exercise "Operation Poorna Vijay" held in Rajasthan recently killing the pilot;

(b) if so, the outcome of the inquiry conducted by Government into the circumstances leading to the crash;

(c) whether with the high incidents of MIG-21 crashes and deaths of the pilots, Government have considered the question of safety of flying the aircraft and the pilots training and instructional procedures besides modifications of fleet and weeding out the outdated Aircrafts; and